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Vice President Attends Savings Bond Rally

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey has asked departmental representatives to be personal salesmen of Savings Bonds both in government and throughout the community.

At a Savings Bond rally in Washington, D.C., Savings Bond Chairman Lawrence O'Brien presented the Vice President with a "Minuteman Flag" for the White House's 100-percent participation in the Payroll Savings Plan.

Vice President Humphrey represented President Johnson, who was attending a dedication ceremony in Mexico City.

The Savings Bond Honorary Co-Chairman, television star John Forsythe, spoke briefly at the rally and introduced the Armed Forces Information and Education film, "Twenty-Five Years of Savings Bonds."

The U.S. Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps presented a flag pageant at the rally also attended by other military and government officials.

TOP DISCUSSION—RAdm. Dick H. Quinn, USN, Commander, Carrier Division Four (left) and Capt. Guiseppi Macri, USN, CO, USS Intrepid, discuss deployment of the carrier from the Atlantic to the South China Sea. This is her first deployment to the Western Pacific since WWII.

New Income Tax System Becomes Effective May 1

The new income tax withholding system, effective May 1, is designed to make the amount withheld from an individual's pay come closer to his actual income tax, according to Internal Revenue Service officials.

Although it may appear to be an increase in taxes, the officials said, it actually is not. By taking more out of wages each payday, taxpayers will be relieved of the need to pay large amounts with their annual Federal income tax returns.

Army Activates New Infantry Brigade

The 199th Infantry Brigade being activated at Ft. Benning, Ga., is the second of new brigades previously announced for activation by the Army.

The 196th Infantry was activated at Ft. Devens, Mass., last September.

Principal elements of the new brigade, which has an authorized strength of 3,815 are: 2d Bde, 3rd Inf; 3rd Bn, 7th Inf; 4th Bn, 12th Inf; and 2d Bn, 40th Arty.

Basic combat and advanced individual as well as unit training will be conducted by the new brigade at Ft. Benning.

National Defense Medal Award Criteria Defined

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara has directed award of the National Defense Service Medal to armed forces personnel for honorable active service performed anytime after Dec. 31, 1960.

An amended DOD directive has been issued furnishing guidance to service secretaries. Each service will prescribe regulations following DOD guidance.

Persons not eligible are short-tour Reserve component members fulfilling training obligations under an inactive duty training program; anyone on temporary duty to serve on boards, courts, etc.; those on active duty solely for physical examination; or anyone on active duty for other than extended active duty.

An official said this does not bar awarding the medal to any Reserve component member, who, during the eligibility period earns the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Vietnam Service Medal.

Such persons shall be considered to be performing active service, he said.

The NDSM was previously authorized for honorable active service after June 26, 1950 and before July 28, 1954. No cutoff date has been announced under the new policy.

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DOD CASUALTY FIGURES show that 2,958 U.S. service personnel lost their lives from hostile actions in RVN for period Jan. 1, 1961–April 9, 1966. Non-fatal wounds were suffered by 15,228. Additionally, 664 deaths resulted from non-hostile action causes.

ARMY CIVILIAN AIDES will attend Twelfth National Conference at Ft. Benning, Ga., April 24–26. Presentations will emphasize RVN role while bringing aides up-to-date on recent Army plans and developments. Conference theme is "Challenge and Response," which is topic of opening address by Army CofS Gen. Harold K. Johnson.

AIR FORCE DIRECTORATE of Armament Development, Eglin AFB, Ala., U.S. Naval Missile Center, Point Mugu, Calif., and Thiokol Chemical Corp., Huntsville, Ala., have launched a SPARM Ducted Rocket Propulsion System at Point Mugu. SPARM is Solid Propellant Augmented Rocket Motor, an air-breathing solid propellant system developed by Thiokol.

DESIGN OF INTERNATIONAL airmail postal card has been released. The 11-cent card will be issued May 27, in conjunction with Sixth International Philatelic Exhibition in Washington. It is first such card ever issued by U.S. Post Office Dept.

FIVE YEARS AGO this month Air Force Air Training Command began student flight training in T–38 trainer aircraft. First class under program was first group of student pilots to fly at supersonic speeds before earning their wings. Since then nearly 3,700 pilots have completed training in 800 mph airplane which has logged 650,000 flight hours. T–38 has, during this period, achieved leading safety record for supersonic aircraft in USAF. Last year its accident rate was only 3.8 per 100,000 flight hours.

"ARCTIC DRIFTING STATIONS" was the principal theme of a recent symposium jointly sponsored by the Arctic Institute of North America and the Office of Naval Research. More than 100 scientists in the arctic biological and geophysical fields attended the conference to review the drift station research program.

FOUR "FLYING CRANES" of 478th Aviation Co., 1st Air Cavalry Div. (Airmobile) have recovered more than 87 aircraft since arrival in RVN last August. Tests with the jet-turbine chopper have led Army to order more CH–54s.

SIX AMERICAN ARTISTS made three-week tour of Okinawa, Republic of Philippines, Japan, Guam, Wake Island and RVN recently, at invitation of Secretary of Air Force, as part of USAF art program. Artists donate their work to USAF for exhibition.

ARMY'S 1ST LOGISTICAL Command, RVN, has assumed responsibility for disarming Viet Cong explosives found in the Saigon area. Unit will investigate all bombings of American buildings and compounds in Saigon and disarm, explode or otherwise dispose of explosive devices found, in addition to conducting investigations of suspicious objects. Some 30–50 incidents involving explosives are reported in Saigon each month.

NEW CHIEF NURSE, U.S. Army Vietnam, is Lt. Col. Marion A. Tierney responsible for coordinating assignment and utilization of all nursing service personnel in RVN. Col. Tierney succeeded Lt. Col. Margaret Clarke. More than 300 Army Nurse Corps officers are now assigned to Army medical units in RVN.

AIR FORCE 1966 PHOTOGRAPHY contest will be held at Warner Robins AFB, Ga., Nov. 14–18, following local and command contests. Air Force winners in Active Duty Personnel Division will be judged for consideration in 12th Interservice Photo Contest. Air Force contest will include Dependent Youth Division. All military personnel on active duty for 90 days or more may compete. Details are contained in AF Letter 215–2 dated March 23.

ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF Gen. Harold K. Johnson is on two-week tour of U.S. Army installations in Republic of Vietnam, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Thailand and Alaska. He is scheduled to return to Washington, D.C., the last week in April.

COLUMBUS, GA., WAS honored at Ft. Benning, Ga., by Department of Army for outstanding patriotic service. Mayor B. Ed Johnson, was given Army's Certificate of Patriotic Service in recognition of city's efforts on behalf of families of 1st Cavalry Division soldiers. The certificate, presented by Maj. Gen. Robert H. York, Ft. Benning CG, cited Columbus as the "City that cared."

AIR FORCE LOGISTICS Command officials have announced that three special airlift flights from Hill AFB, Utah, each week has relieved threat of shortages in items such as flares, bomb fuzes and other munitions in the RVN.

U.S. SERIES H SAVINGS Bonds are issued in denominations of $500, $1,000, $5,000 and $10,000. They may be redeemed at par on first day of calendar month, after six months from issue date and with one month's written notice required.

SAMPLES OF THERMAL control coatings have been launched into space by USAF to test their durability, heat and radiation resistance. Samples were carried aloft on OV1–4 satellite, orbited from Vandenberg AFB, Calif., March 30. Experiment climaxes 2½-year in-house research program to find better surface coating for present and future spacecraft and satellites.

APPROXIMATELY 400 OFFICERS and enlisted personnel from Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps will begin courses in 16 languages at Defense Language Institute, West Coast Branch, Monterey, Calif., in April.

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"MAJOR" PROMOTION—Maj. Gen. Charles W. Eifler (left), Commander, U.S. Army's 1st Logistical Command, receives his second star from Lt. Gen. Jean E. Engler, Deputy Commander, U.S. Army, Vietnam, in a promotion ceremony at the latter's headquarters.

Army Surgeon General Honors Medical Service Corps in RVN

The Surgeon General, U.S. Army, has praised the coordinated efforts of every Corps of the Army Medical Service in RVN.

Lt. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton gave special emphasis to the work of the supply officer and the helicopter pilot for their part in facilitating the treatment of the wounded.

Gen. Heaton also honored four officers of the Medical Corps for recent contributions to the medical war effort in RVN. They were Cols. William D. Tigertt, director of Walter Reed Army Institute of Research; Robert M. Hardaway, director of the Institute's Division of Clinical Surgery; Chester C. Holloman, assistant chief of the supply division, Office of The Surgeon General; and Lt. Col. Anna M. Hays, ANC, assistant chief of the Army Nurse Corps.

After congratulating Col. Hays, Gen. Heaton said, "God Bless all of our ladies."

Three Fighter Squadrons to Spain

Three Air Force tactical fighter squadrons with approximately 54 aircraft and 800 men will be transferred PCS to Torrejon AB, Spain, by the end of this month, according to DOD officials.

At the same time it was stated responsibility for maintaining the U.S. share of the NATO aircraft alert in Turkey and Italy will be transferred from Tactical Air Command to USAFE. Until now three TAC squadrons had been assigned in Turkey and Italy on a rotational basis, changing squadrons about every four months.

Reassignment of the responsibility to USAFE resources will allow TAC to devote greater efforts to training and deployments to the Pacific and Southeast Asia.

Two-Reactor Nuclear Carrier Included in Navy Program

Another nuclear aircraft carrier is in the mill for Navy as part of the $1.7 billion conversion-construction program for FY67.

The carrier design calls for two reactors instead of eight, as in the USS Enterprise, and possible additional maneuverability. Although cost of the ship has not been disclosed, it is expected to be approximately $400 million or the same as the Enterprise.

The program, which involves 51 ships, plans to reemphasize anti-submarine and anti-aircraft warfare along with the addition of five nuclear attack submarines.

Army Establishes New Brigade For Combat Support Training

A new Army Combat Support Training Brigade has been established at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

Trainees are to begin arriving in September at the rate of approximately 450 each week. The brigade will have a training capacity of approximately 3,500.

The new brigade will be organized to train personnel in clerical, mechanical, food service, vehicular operation, and other combat support skills.

Army combat support training is also conducted at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.; Ft. Dix, N.J.; Ft. Knox, Ky.; Ft. Ord, Calif.; Ft. Jackson, S.C.; and Ft. Polk, La.

Approximately 1,400 military and civilian personnel will be required to operate the brigade at Ft. Huachuca.

Bond Sales Up $91 Million

Treasury Department reports public holdings of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds gained $91 million in March.

E and H Bond sales were the highest for any March since 1956, officials said, while E Bond sales were the highest for any March since 1949.

Sales of E and H Bonds this March represented a 10 percent increase from the $414 million sold in the same month last year.

Frederick S. Wyle Given New Post

Frederick S. Wyle has been sworn in as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Planning, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Wyle served as Special Assistant to the U.S. Defense Representative, North Atlantic and Mediterranean Areas, Paris, and on the Policy Planning Council, Department of State.

Three End 14-Day Space Flight Test

A three-man flight crew recently spent 14 days in a space chamber at North American Aviation, Inc., Downey, Calif., testing equipment that will be used to check vital life support equipment in the Apollo spacecraft.

The test was conducted in a special Apollo checkout facility at North American's Space and Information Systems Division. The Apollo spacecraft command module's environmental control system functioned satisfactorily throughout the simulated lunar trip.

Tests included a simulated meteroid puncture, microbiological checks to determine how fast fungus, bacteria or virus multiply in a 100 percent oxygen environment, and temperature control tests.

Algae, Duckweed Orbited For Plant Life Tests

A 200-pound satellite carrying algae and duckweed was launched by Atlas rocket at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., for a 30-day polar orbit to study effects of zero-gravity on plant life.

The experiment is being conducted for the Aerospace Medical Division's USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, under contract with General Dynamics-Astronautics Corp. The OVI–4 satellite and its back-up twin house the plant samples, feed them controlled amounts of carbon dioxide and transmit plant growth data back to earth.

USAF COMMANDER IN RVN—Lt. Gen. Joseph H. Moore has been named Commander, 7th AF, and is responsible for all Air Force operations in Vietnam. As Deputy Commander for Air, MACV, he is also responsible for air operations of all services in Vietnam.

AF Logistics Centers Rush Combat Materials

Air Force tactical units in RVN are being kept at record levels of combat readiness through accelerated support activities of the Air Force Logistics Command.

Control units at five Air Materiel Areas are using rapid communications and electronic data processing to speed high priority requisitions for material needed to keep aircraft flying combat missions in the air.

Special units handle parts and supplies so urgently needed that aircraft are unable to carry out their missions without them.

Flying Helmet Visor Protects Against Birds

A helmet visor that gives pilots added protection against birds striking the windshield of an aircraft in flight has been tested and accepted by the Air Training Command.

In an organization that produces 2,700 pilots annually, the possibility of a bird striking an aircraft windshield or canopy is a constant safety hazard, officials said.

The major dangers to the pilot's eyes are the possibilities of flying glass or high-velocity air rushing through the shattered windshield.

The improved helmet incorporates a clear and a dark sun visor.

The clear visor is worn down at all time in flight, while the dark visor is lowered as light conditions dictate.

There were 154 bird strikes on training aircraft during the past two years, officials report, with 52 causing broken windshields or canopies. Air Force-wide there were 742 bird strikes.

'Programmed Instruction' Format Used by Army Engineer School

U.S. Army Engineer School, Ft. Belvior, Va., has begun using a"programmed instruction" format in its extension course program of instruction.

First course to use the new format is Engineer Subcourse 64, Roads and Airfields 1. Programmed instruction directs the home study student to key learning objectives through a logical learning sequence.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

RAdm. John A. Tyree Jr., USN, Deputy Commander, Submarine Force, Atlantic Fleet, to become Deputy CofS, U.S. European Command, April 29. Selected for promotion to major general are **Charles V. Wilson** and **James E. Landrum Jr.;** to brigadier general are **William B. Latta** and **Harris W. Hollis,** all USA. **Lt. Gen. Alva R. Fitch, USA,** Deputy Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, to retire June 1. **Brig. Gen. John W. Kline, USAF,** CofS, 8th AF reassigned as Deputy Commander, 3d Air Division, Guam. **Brig. Gen. H. K. Kelley, USAF,** from duty as Deputy for Civil Engineering, TAC, to Deputy CofS/Civil Engineering, TAC, Langley AFB, Va.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Sterling Drug, Inc., New York, N.Y.: $3,282,180 fixed-price contract for various quantities of primaquine and chloroquine products. **(DSA)**

Boothe Packing Co., Modesto, Calif.: $1,369,807 contract for an assembly of 1,662,408 cases of individual combat meals. **(DSA)**

LeTourneau-Westinghouse Co., Peoria, Ill.: $5,247,000 fixed-price contract for 330 earth moving scrapers. **(Army)**

George Washington Univ., Washington, D.C.: $1,127,000 cost contract for research on logistics computor services. **(Navy)**

Litton Systems, Inc., Woodland Hills, Calif.: $7,111,630 fixed-price order for production of electronic equipment for F4–D and F4–E aircraft. **(Air Force)**

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